



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 10, 2020
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 17 – Bill request deadline.
January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 10, 2020

SB 133 Senators West and McCray

EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – GRADUATION AND ATTENDANCE CREDIT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Authorizing a county board of education to award credit to a high school student toward a high school diploma or a postsecondary credential, or both, for one vocational course per semester in a career and technical education program approved by the county board; and authorizing a county board to count toward high school attendance the time a high school student spends during vocational training in a career and technical education program approved by the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 7-205.4 and 7-301.2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 134 **Senator Feldman****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS – SALE OF VEHICLES**

Providing that a consumer shall be deemed not to have agreed to enter into a contract for the sale of a vehicle with a dealer by electronic means unless the dealer provides the consumer with a clear and readable copy of the complete contract in a certain format and with a reasonable opportunity for the consumer to review the copy of the contract before providing an electronic signature; defining “consumer”, “dealer”, and “vehicle”; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, § 21-101(d-1), (e-1), and (r) - added and § 21-104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 135 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC HEALTH – IMMUNIZATIONS – MINOR CONSENT (ACCESS TO VACCINES ACT)**

Authorizing a health care provider to provide an immunization to a minor without the consent of certain individuals if the minor is at least 16 years of age and consents to the immunization and the health care provider determines the minor is mature and capable of giving informed consent with regard to the immunization; authorizing a health care provider to provide an immunization to a minor under certain provisions of the Act whether or not a parent is not reasonably available or objects to the provision of the immunization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 20-107 - added and §§ 20-120, 20-121, 20-123, and 20-124 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 136 **Senator Feldman**TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND METRO/TRANSIT FUNDING ACT
– ALTERATIONS

Specifying that the Maryland Transit Administration must regularly consult with certain entities regarding the compilation and submission of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a draft Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan to certain entities at least 45 days before the draft is finalized; altering the contents and elements of the Plan; requiring the Plan to be reviewed and updated every 6 years and to address a certain 30-year period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TR, §§ 7-301.1, 7-309, and 10-205 and Chapters 351 and 352 of the Acts of 2018, § 6 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 137 **Senator Cassilly, et al**HARFORD COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND CHILD
SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

Transferring the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Harford County to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services; requiring the creation of certain Position Identification Numbers for certain transferred employees; providing for the determination of salary grade and seniority for transferred employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 138 **Senator Cassilly, et al**HARFORD COUNTY – SERVICE OF PROCESS – DETENTION CENTER
EMPLOYEES

Expanding the authority of a certain individual who is designated to serve criminal process by the administrator of the local detention center in Harford County to serve process within the Circuit Court for Harford County and the District Court of Maryland for Harford County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 6-310 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 139 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CORRECTION IN ISSUANCE OF CLASS C LICENSE**

Repealing a provision allowing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 12-1603(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 140 **Senator McCray****OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – AUDITS OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a certain audit or audits of the Baltimore Police Department; specifying that the scope and objectives of a certain audit or audits shall be determined by the Legislative Auditor; requiring the Baltimore City government to make available to the Office of Legislative Audits all City employees, records, and information systems deemed necessary by the Legislative Auditor to conduct the required audit or audits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, §§ 2-1220(h) and 2-1223 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 141 **Senator Beidle, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALARIES OF INSPECTORS**

Raising the salaries of part-time inspectors employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from \$10,000 to \$11,000 for one part-time chief inspector, from \$8,000 to \$9,000 for one part-time deputy chief inspector, and for other part-time inspectors from \$6,000 to \$7,000 annually.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-206(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 142 **Senator Simonaire, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL LICENSE DONATION PROGRAM AND HEALING HUNTING AND FISHING FUND – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a process for an individual purchasing certain licenses and stamps in a certain manner to make a voluntary monetary donation to the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund; requiring the Department to collect donations and deposit them into the Fund; authorizing the Chesapeake Bay Trust to make grants to eligible sponsor organizations that provide opportunities to benefit veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, §§ 1-403 and 1-405 and Ch. 424 of the Acts of 2016, § 4, as amended - amended and Ch. 424 of the Acts of 2016, § 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 143 **Senator Beidle, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE APPLICATION SUBJECT TO CREDITOR CLAIM**

Limiting the types of creditor claims for which the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County is required to adhere to certain guidelines before approving certain related license applications; and authorizing the Board to approve an application for the transfer or issuance of a license that is subject to a certain claim by a creditor if there is an amicable resolution of the claim or there is a judicial determination on the claim.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 144 **Senator McCray****INCOME TAX CREDIT – CLASS F VEHICLES – EXTENSION**

Extending, from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2023, the taxable years for which individuals or corporations may claim a State income tax credit for the expense of registering certain qualified vehicles in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Chapter 502 of the Acts of 2017, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 145 Senator Hester**ELECTION LAW – REFERENCES TO ABSENTEE VOTING IN COMMUNICATIONS – MAIL-IN VOTING**

Requiring the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots as “mail-in” ballots and absentee voting as “mail-in voting” in all communications with voters and the general public; and requiring the State Board and each local board to include in public communications regarding “mail-in voting” a statement that “mail-in voting” is referred to as absentee voting in the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 9-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 146 Senators Young and Feldman**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – EXPENSES OF MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER, PROCESSOR, DISPENSARY, OR INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for amounts of ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year, including a reasonable allowance for salaries and certain other compensation, in carrying on a trade or business as a certain medical cannabis grower, processor, dispensary, or independent testing laboratory; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-208(y) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 147 Senator Young**CRIMINAL LAW – KRATOM – PROHIBITION**

Including the substances mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine on Schedule I to designate them as controlled dangerous substances that may not be legally used, possessed, or distributed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 5-402(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 148 **Senator Young****BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – LAND ACQUISITION – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving the acquisition of certain real property with an appraised value of at least \$500,000 unless the Board has provided the Legislative Policy Committee with certain information; prohibiting the Board from approving the acquisition of real property with an appraised value of at least \$500,000 from the federal government until a study has been completed regarding the ongoing fiscal impact the acquisition would have on the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

SF, § 10-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 149 **Senator West****ORPHANS' COURTS – APPEALS – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a certain appeal from a final judgment of an orphans' court to be made by filing a certain notice, rather than a certain order; extending from 30 days to 60 days the standard period of time within which the register of wills must transmit all pleadings and orders of the proceedings to the court to which the appeal is taken; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 12-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 150 **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ESTATE RECOVERIES – PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AGAINST MEDICAID RECIPIENTS**

Altering the period of time within which the Maryland Department of Health must present a claim against the estate of a deceased Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipient before the claim is barred.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 8-103(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 151 **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – CLOSED ESTATES – SUBSEQUENT DISCOVERY OF CHECK**

Authorizing a court, following the discovery of a check to a decedent or the estate of a decedent payable for a sum not exceeding \$1,000 after the estate is closed and the appointment of the personal representative is terminated, to enter an order authorizing a certain interested person to indorse and deposit the check into the interested person's bank account for the limited purpose of distributing the funds in a certain manner under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 10-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 152 **Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – RULE AGAINST PERPETUITIES**

Limiting a statutory exception to the common-law rule against perpetuities that provides that the rule does not apply to an option of a tenant to purchase all or part of the premises leased by the tenant to an option that is exercisable only during the term of the lease; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 11-102(b)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 153 **Senator West****CRIMINAL LAW – ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ADULT – CAUSING SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

Prohibiting a certain person from causing abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult that causes severe emotional distress to the vulnerable adult; and altering the definition of “abuse” of a vulnerable adult by adding deceptive or misleading statements made with a malicious intent toward the vulnerable adult, destruction or harm to an animal owned by a vulnerable adult, and the malicious distribution, display, or transmission of information about the vulnerable adult on social media without permission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 154 **Senator West****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF DEEDS – ASSIGNMENTS OF RENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF LEASES FOR SECURITY PURPOSES**

Exempting a certain assignment of rents or assignment of leases for security purposes from certain requirements related to recordation; and authorizing a certain assignment of rents or assignment of leases for security purposes prepared by an attorney or one of the parties named in the instrument to be recorded without a certain certification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 3-104(f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 155 **Senator Augustine, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – MOBILE HOME PURCHASERS**

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, certain lenders to serve on the borrower at least 30 day before a lender repossesses a mobile home a written notice of the lender's intention to repossess a certain mobile home; providing that a mobile home retailer has a duty of good faith and fair dealing in providing financial information to a prospective consumer borrower; prohibiting a mobile home retailer from steering a prospective consumer borrower to certain financing products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL and FI, Various Sections - added and amended and FI, §§ 11-501(o) and 11-601(s) - repealed

Assigned to: Finance